Encroachment on Ridge by C.R.P.F.

1000. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Encroachment or Ridge by CRPF" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated December 21, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to get the encroachment vacated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Reserve Police Force has established tents and certain semi-pucca structures in Central and South Central Ridge in the Capital.

(c) The concerned authorities, Delhi Development Authority and the Central Public Works Department have taken up the matter with Ministry of Home Affairs and the Director General, Central Reserve Police Force, Government of India.

World Bank Assistance to Karnataka for Hospitals

1001. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the assistance from the World Bank or modernisation of the existing hospitals and setting up of new hospitals in Karnataka has been obtained; and

(b) if not, the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). A project report for improvement of secondary level hospitals in Karnataka at an estimated cost of Rs. 172.00 Crores was received by the Government in October 1991 for posing for World Bank assistance. The project is being revised by the government of Karnataka on the basis of the comments received from the World Bank in respect of a similar project sent to them for implementation in Andhra Pradesh.

Cataract Control

1002. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cataract induced blindness is increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for such an increase; and

(d) the remedial measures taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The prevalence of blindness is only found out by surveys which are not conducted every year. Therefore, State-wise details for the last three years are not available. However, as per WHO-NPCB survey 1986-89, estimated number of cataract cases (Statewise) as per 1981 census is given at Statement.

(c) The incident of cataract is more common in elderly group of persons. Better

health care services have increased longevity. life expectancy. Thus more people are in elderly age group. With the increase in population and longevity, cataract cases are also increasing.

(d) 1.The Government of India launched a National Programme for Control of Blindness in the year 1976 which is an ongoing programme in which eye care services have been developed in the peripheral sector (Primary Health Centre) intermediate Sector (District Hospitals and District Mobile Units) and Central Sector (Medical Colleges, Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, etc.). The 'eye camps approach' has been adopted through Mobile Units. These Mobile Units organise frequent eye camps in peripheral areas for doing cataract operations.

2. At intermediate level, District Hospitals have upgraded. Ophthalmic Surgeons and Ophthalmic Assistants have been provided alongwith Ophthalmic equipment to perform cataract surgery.

3. At Central Sector level, Government of India has so far upgraded the Department of Ophthalmology of 60 Medical Colleges and 10 Regional Institute of Ophthalmology in the country. They are also performing cataract surgery apart from other activities.

4. Voluntary organisations also organise camps for cataract operations. Government of India is giving financial assistance @ Rs. 60/- per cataract operation when the Voluntary Organisations are not using Government Mobile Units and Rs. 40/- per cataract operation is given to those using Government Mobile Units.

5. Further development and strengthening of Community Health Centres and small eye hospitals in the mofussil areas as well as sub-divisional areas (Taluk area) is planned in a phased manner.

STATEMENT

S. No.	*States/UTs*	*No. of Cataract cases (In millions)*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1.5690
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.0154
3.	Assam	NA
4.	Bihar	1.9140
5.	Goa	0.0320
6.	Gujarat	0.7100
7.	Haryana	0.2280
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0.0520
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	0.2540

S. No.	States/UTs	No. of Cataract cases (In millions)
10.	Karnataka	1.5120
11.	Kerala	1.6610
12.	Madhya Pradesh	0.8000
13.	Maharashtra	0.6560
14.	Manipur	0.0146
15.	Meghalaya	0.0000
16.	Mizoram	0.0000
17.	Nagaland	NA
18.	Orissa	0.9212
19.	Punjab	0.1870
20.	Rajasthan	1.0776
21.	Sikkim	0.0026
22.	Tamil Nadu	0.7350
23.	Tripura	0.0383
24.	Uttar Pradesh	0.6060
25.	West Bengal	0.4000
26.	Pondicherry	0.0031
27.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.0021
28.	Chandigarh	0.0152
29.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	NA

S. No.	*States/UTs*	*No. of Cataract cases (In millions)*
30.	Daman & Die	NA
31.	Delhi	0.0530
32.	Lakshadweep	0.0006
	Total	18.4656

Railway Reservation Forms

1003. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway reservation forms are printed in regional languages in States particularly in Orissa;

(b) whether there is a demand for printing these forms in both English and regional languages; and

(c) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Railway reservation forms are printed in Hindi and English in Hindi speaking areas and Hindi/English and the regional languages in non-Hindi speaking areas. In Orissa, these forms are already being printed in Hindi and English on one side and Oriyya on the other side.

(c) Does not arise.

EMU Trains on Bardhaman-Asansol Section

1004. SHRI HARADHAN ROY:
DR. SUDHIR RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to run EMU trains between Barddhaman and Asansol section of Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The section between Bardhaman and Asansol is already well served by conventional trains. Due to resource constraints the introduction of EMU services is not feasible in the immediate future.

Total Literacy Programme in Kerala

1005. SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the second stage of the Total Literacy Programme is in progress in Kerala; and